

AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS:

Claim 1 (currently amended): Polishing slurry comprising abrading composite particles and a liquid dispersant dispersing said composite particles; said composite particles each having a first particle and a plurality of second particles smaller than said first particles attached to surface of said first particle through a metal oxide membrane; wherein the first particles are silicon particles and have average diameter of 0.1-20 μ m and the second particles are silica particles and have average diameter of 0.001-0.5 μ m.

Claims 2-7 (canceled).

Claim 8 (original): The polishing slurry of claim 1 further comprising third particles which are smaller than said first particles and have average diameter of 0.001-0.5 μ m, said composite particles and said third particles being dispersed in said liquid dispersant.

Claim 9 (canceled).